

## House Resolution 1867

By: Representatives Ralston of the 7<sup>th</sup>, Geisinger of the 48<sup>th</sup>, Wilkinson of the 52<sup>nd</sup>, Willard of the 51<sup>st</sup>, Pezold of the 133<sup>rd</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Howard "Bo" Callaway; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens  
3 with the passing of Howard "Bo" Callaway on March 15, 2014; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Bo Callaway was born in LaGrange, Georgia, on April 2, 1927; he developed  
5 a yearning for public service at an early age, graduating from the United States Military  
6 Academy in West Point, New York, after two years of studies at the Georgia Institute of  
7 Technology; and
- 8 WHEREAS, his military service would include leading a platoon in Korea and instructing  
9 infantry troops at Fort Benning; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Bo Callaway returned to Georgia in 1953 to take the helm of Callaway Gardens  
11 and its nonprofit parent organization, the Ida Cason Callaway Foundation, until 1970; he  
12 served in leadership positions at the gardens from 1953 through 2003; and
- 13 WHEREAS, in 1964, he was elected to Congress, becoming the first Republican  
14 congressman from the State of Georgia since Reconstruction to do so; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Bo Callaway left Congress to run for governor in 1966 and received 3,000 more  
16 votes than the Democratic nominee, but because no candidate received the majority needed  
17 to win and state law did not provide for runoffs at the time, the Democratic-controlled  
18 Georgia Legislature selected runner-up Lester Maddox as governor; and
- 19 WHEREAS, still committed to public service, Callaway was appointed United States  
20 Secretary of the Army in 1973 and served under Presidents Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford;  
21 and

22 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern  
23 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his  
24 family and friends were admired by others; and

25 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Bo Callaway will long be remembered for  
26 his love of family and friendship, and this loyal gentleman and friend will be missed by all  
27 who had the great fortune of knowing him; and

28 WHEREAS, Bo Callaway is survived by his five children, Elizabeth Callaway Considine,  
29 Howard H. "Bo" Callaway, Jr., Edward C. Callaway, Virginia Callaway Martin, and Ralph  
30 W. Callaway, as well as 16 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
32 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Howard "Bo" Callaway  
33 and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
35 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Howard "Bo"  
36 Callaway.